

Director's note: I have been extremely impressed with the energy and ingenuity Keystone staff have applied to the delivery models and safety policies implemented in our member districts. It gives me confidence in the ongoing success of all students, regardless of where they are served. I also want to thank the superintendents and our local boards for the leadership in weighing the cost/benefit ratio in all the difficult decisions that had to be made this month. **I'm very glad to be here and look forward to the students' return!**

New Program! We are excited to announce **Keystone's Turning Point**, a unique program for students 18 to 21 who have completed high school graduation requirements but, have unmet transition goals. "Our goal," says **Sue Nanninga** the lead teacher, "is to provide students with the skills and resources necessary to live, work, and play as successfully and independently as possible within their community following graduation." Sue is a veteran Keystone teacher from Perry with a great philosophy and experiences to run this program! Thanks to USD 343 Perry and the Highland Community College campus for agreeing to host this program.



Culinary Arts Center

Home Living Center

Operations: As always, we are proud of the maintenance work done this summer in the JDLA and Keystone Administrative Center by Clifford Burk and Jeff Kilgore. The floors and walls are beautifully restored and office space has been repurposed to accommodate Assistant Director Mary Livingston, Lesa Brose, psych secretary, and Khrystyan Masters, MIS Clerk. We are glad to have these team members back in the office!



Mary Livingston



Lesla Brose

Celebrations! Welcome Back Keystone Staff! We know that you do outstanding work each day but, traditionally Kansas educators don't do a good job of recognizing and celebrating these successes. Therefore, we intend to reserve space in the newsletter each month to highlight examples of the good work going on in our classrooms. **Please send us pictures/descriptions of selected activities or better yet, invite us to those activities so that we can see it live!**

SELECTED CALENDAR EVENTS

Completed:

- Aug 1 - KASEA Executive Board Meeting
- Aug 3 – Licensed Staff Welcome Back!
- Aug 4 – KASEA Navigating Change Region 3
 - Classified Welcome Back!
 - Keystone Dyslexia Training
 - Easy Trac Training
- Aug 5 – SPARK Meeting
- Aug 6 – Assistant Director Meeting
 - KSDE Superintendent Meeting
- Aug 7 – KSDE *New Frontier* Meeting for Sped Directors
- Aug 11 – Member District Superintendent Meeting
- Aug 12 – Administrative Team meetings
- Aug 13 – IEP meetings and Related Service provider meeting
- Aug 14 – Elementary, Secondary, & Early Childhood Staff meetings
- Aug 18 – Psychologist Meeting and IDEA File Review

Looking forward to:

- Aug 19 – Keystone Board Meeting
 - Keystone Professional Development Council
- Aug 20 - USD 377 First Day of School!
 - Keystone New Professional Staff Inservice
- Aug 25 – TASN Meeting
 - USD 339 First Day of School
 - Social Worker's Meeting
- Aug 26 – **JDLA First Day of School!**

Business Office Update: *There is no off season for the business office.* During the summer months they are busy preparing the budget for the upcoming year, hiring certified and classified staff, and completing all the associated paperwork with those tasks. As anticipated, the far-reaching impact of COVID-19 has resulted in a large number of classified vacancies, 18 we are actively attempting to fill, including the JDLA administrative assistant. **Licensed staff are reminded that Salary Movement Request are due to Lisa Morando by September 1, 2020!**

Also, the week of August 17 to 24 the team will be working on the Special Education and worker's comp audits and completing the benefit enrollment for all participating providers.